

## **Dipika's Detailed 2019 Hindu Calendar**

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Many thanks for remaining an awesome Hindu...



Many have asked us to compile an article on the Hindu calendar for example what are the Festivals dates and Rahu kalam.

\*\*\* Do note that SOME of the information given below for the *festival dates* is from the S.A.H.M.S. We don't take any responsibility for the information supplied by them. We ONLY have done this for Hindu uniformity within South Africa. Should you have any issues with their dates below please do contact them on 031 3091951 or email [sahms@worldonline.co.za](mailto:sahms@worldonline.co.za) \*\*\*.

{Another point of note is when you see a \* before a prayer date it means this is not in the general Hindu calendar that Hindus have in their homes. I have added these dates because these are equally important prayer dates that sadly seems to be ignored every year.}

**DO NOTE:-** All times indicated below, associated with the start or end of a religious day are in 24-hour format.

Firstly the Festival dates are the dates that a Hindu observes. This is quite self explanatory. For example for Shree Ganesh Chaturthi, we have a full explanation of this very important festival date on our website. Many ask what is this festival all about and how does one go about celebrating it. Hence this website is meant to make people from all cultures more aware of these important Hindu festival dates. We have included a few more festival dates below that are not generally on the typical Hindu calendar. For more info on the festival dates for 2019 kindly visit our website [www.dipika.org.za](http://www.dipika.org.za).

Thai Poosam Kavady Flag Raising **12<sup>th</sup> January**

Makar Sankranti **14<sup>th</sup> January**

Thai Pongal **15<sup>th</sup> January**

\* Shakambhari Devi Jayanti **21<sup>st</sup> January** (The Devi who provides us with nourishments)

Thai Poosam Kavady **21<sup>st</sup> January**

Vasant Panchami	10 <sup>th</sup> February (Saraswati Puja)
* Varahadeva Jayanti	17 <sup>th</sup> February (The appearance day of Lord Varaha)
* Nityananda Jayanti	17 <sup>th</sup> February (The appearance day of Lord Nityananda)
Maha Shivaratri	4 <sup>th</sup> March
Holika Dahan	20 <sup>th</sup> March
* Gaura Purnima	21 <sup>st</sup> March (The appearance day of Caitanya Mahaprabhu)
Hindi New Year	6 <sup>th</sup> April (Ugadi, Gudi Padwa)
Telugu New Year	6 <sup>th</sup> April
Ramayana Week (1 <sup>st</sup> Navaratri)	Starts 6 <sup>th</sup> April – Ends 13 <sup>th</sup> April
* Vasant Navaratri	Starts 6 <sup>th</sup> April – Ends 13 <sup>th</sup> April
Raam-Navami (Ramnaumi)	13 <sup>th</sup> April
Tamil New Year	14 <sup>th</sup> April
Hanuman Jayanti	19 <sup>th</sup> April
* Kathiri period	04 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> May (Kathiri Veyyil - Agni Nakshatram)
* Akshaya Tritiya	7 <sup>th</sup> May
* Sita Jayanti	13 <sup>th</sup> May (The appearance day of Ma Sita - Lord Raam's wife)
* Nrsimhadeva App day	17 <sup>th</sup> May (The appearance day of Lord Nrsimhadeva)
* Shani Jayanti	3 <sup>rd</sup> June (The appearance day of Lord Shani-deva)
* Ganga Puja/Dussehra	12 <sup>th</sup> June (The appearance day of River Ganga)
Pandava Nirjala Ekadashi	13 <sup>th</sup> June
* Muruga Jayanti	14 <sup>th</sup> June (Vaikasi Visakam)
* Ambubachi Mela	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> June (When Devi menstruates in Guwahati, India for the rejuvenation of Planet Earth)
Guru Purnima	16 <sup>th</sup> July
* Aadi Madham	17 <sup>th</sup> July – 16 <sup>th</sup> August (Porridge prayers)
Naag Panchami	5 <sup>th</sup> August
Vara Lakshmi Vratam	9 <sup>th</sup> August
Raksha Bandhan	15 <sup>th</sup> August
* Balarama App Day	15 <sup>th</sup> August (The appearance day of Lord Balarama)
Gita Week	16 <sup>th</sup> August and ends 23 <sup>rd</sup> August
Krishna Ashtami	23 <sup>rd</sup> August
Ganesh Chaturthi	2 <sup>nd</sup> September
* Radhastami	6 <sup>th</sup> September (The appearance day of Srimati Radharani)
* Vamana Jayanti	10 <sup>th</sup> September (The appearance day of Lord Vamana)
Pitar Paksh Period	15 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> September
Pitar Paksh Starts	on 14 <sup>th</sup> September @ 06h32
Do Note:- Sunrise in Durban on the 14 <sup>th</sup> is at 05h56 and Jhb at 06h07. So when the Sun rises in these two cities, the Tithi (Vedic Lunar day) will still be Full Moon, hence first offerings of water and the start of Pitar Paksha proper commences the following day (the 15 <sup>th</sup> ) after Sunrise.	
Offer 1 <sup>st</sup> water oblations (Tarpana) on the morning of the 15 <sup>th</sup> after sunrise.	
Pitar Paksh Ends	on 28 <sup>th</sup> September @ 20h24
Last water oblations to be offered after sunrise on the 28 <sup>th</sup> September.	
Mahalaya Paksham	15 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> September (Pitar Paksh followed in South India)

* Purattasi	17 <sup>th</sup> September - 17 <sup>th</sup> October
MAHA Navaratri	29 <sup>th</sup> September - 7 <sup>th</sup> October
Shree Saraswati Pooja	5 <sup>th</sup> October
Shree Durga Astami	6 <sup>th</sup> October
Shree Durga Navami	7 <sup>th</sup> October
Vijay Dashami	8 <sup>th</sup> October
* Sharad Purnima	13 <sup>th</sup> October
* Damodara (Kartik) Maas –	Starts 14 <sup>th</sup> October and Ends on 12 <sup>th</sup> November
Kartik Month starts @ 23h07 on the 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct and ends @ 15h32 on 12 <sup>th</sup> November.	
* Karwa Chauth	17 <sup>th</sup> October (Vrat a wife observes for her husband's long life).
Dhan Trayodashi	26 <sup>th</sup> October
Naraka Chaturdasi	27 <sup>th</sup> October
Deepavali / Lakshmi Puja	28 <sup>th</sup> October (Please read below)
*** Amavasya (New Moon) starts on 27 <sup>th</sup> October @ 08h52 and ends on 28 <sup>th</sup> @ 05h36.	
Although Amavasya ends a few minutes after sunrise on the 28 <sup>th</sup> , the 28 <sup>th</sup> is still observed as Amavasya DIWALI (New Moon). The general rule is that which tithi (Vedic lunar day) that transits at sunrise is observed as the tithi for that day.	
Govardhan Pooja	29 <sup>th</sup> October
Skanda Sashti	2 <sup>nd</sup> November
* Bhishma Panchaka	8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> November (The last 5 lunar days of Kartik)
Prabhodhini Ekadashi	8 <sup>th</sup> November
* Tulsi Vivah	12 <sup>th</sup> November (The marriage of Tulsi devi and Lord Shaligram)
Kartik Purnima	12 <sup>th</sup> November
* Katyayaani Vrata	13 <sup>th</sup> November to 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec. (Vrat for a good partner)
Gita Jayanti	8 <sup>th</sup> December
Karthigai Deepam	10 <sup>th</sup> December
* Dattatreya Jayanti	11 <sup>th</sup> December

#### Additional important dates for 2019: -

- \* Shani (Saturn) Amavasya (New Moon) :- 5<sup>th</sup> Jan, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept.
- \* Somvaar Amavasya (New/No Moon) Monday:- 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 28<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- \* Purnima (Full Moon) Monday :- 21<sup>st</sup> January, 17<sup>th</sup> June.
- \* Shani Pradosham (Trayodashi Saturday) :- 19<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- \* Soma Pradosham (Trayodashi Monday) :- 4<sup>th</sup> March

Rahu Kalam. Timing in the Hindu or any advance culture is of the utmost importance. Whether it's in the telling of a joke or striking a business deal, there's nothing more important than timing. What you do is important but when you do it is just as important. We all know the importance of timing in the material world. Even little kids understand the importance of timing. When they want their next cool toy, they catch their dads in a good mood and butter them up! Thus we have known the importance of timing right from our childhood. Our sages say that what we need to learn now is that timing is just as important in the world of spirituality. Just as timing is important in the material world, it's important in the world of spirituality too. The efficacy of one's spiritual practices can be increased greatly by timing

it according to Vedic injunctions.

According to Vedic astrology, Rahu Kalam is that 1.1/2 hrs of a day, that are inauspicious periods and one should not undertake any auspicious work during these periods - especially any new undertaking, prayers, weddings and so forth. I will be releasing a day by day Rahu kalam in detail shortly...

Sunday 12h00 – 13h30

Monday 07h30 – 09h00

Tuesdays 13h30 – 15h00

Wednesday 09H00 – 10H30

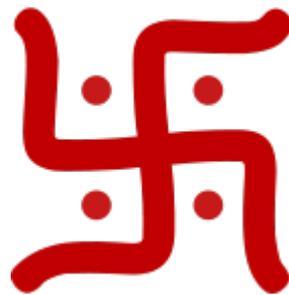
Thursday 15H00 – 16H30

Friday 10H30 – 12H00

Saturday 06h00 – 07h30 and 16h30 – 18h00

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